

Ethiopia

COUNTRY:
Ethiopia

USAID FUNDING PERIOD:
July 1995-March 2002

PROJECT:
Nongovernmental Organization Sector
Enhancement Initiative

USAID AMOUNT:
\$1,345,000

IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATION:
Private Agencies Collaborating Together

PURPOSE

Private Agencies Collaborating Together (PACT) maximizes the impact of Ethiopian nongovernmental organizations working with orphans and vulnerable children. The capacity of nongovernmental organizations is enhanced directly through a comprehensive series of training and technical assistance projects, small grants, and support to networking groups that facilitate coordination among larger nongovernmental organizations that assist orphans and vulnerable children. The project objectives are as follows:

- Strengthen the capacity of 25 nongovernmental organizations operating at the national and local levels to design, implement, and evaluate programs addressing the needs of street children and orphans;
- Increase the number of street children and orphans either enrolled in formal schools or participating in nonformal education programs;
- Increase the economic status of at-risk families through support for income generation programs;
- Deinstitutionalize children in orphanages through support to family reunification programs; and
- Enhance the ability of street children and orphans to become economically productive and eventually self-supporting.

The distinct elements defining the work of PACT with nongovernmental organizations include:

- Participatory organizational capacity assessments;

- Basic training and mentoring focused on organizational structures, systems, and processes for growth and service delivery;
- Advanced training and mentoring; and
- Networking of groups that take a proactive approach in representing and supporting their members' policy influence via information exchanges, access to resource materials, and exchange visits.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- A network for orphans was established, which represents the government and 19 nongovernmental organizations;
- The Berhan Integrated Community Development Organization increased its beneficiaries from 402 to 1,812;
- The Rift Valley Children and Women Development Association grew from 820 to 10,496;
- The Integrated Family Service Organization grew from 13 to 2,891;
- Annual budgets of PACT-assisted nongovernmental organizations increased by 121 percent; and
- Training of police officers in Addis Ababa resulted in reduction of number of youth spending time in city jails.

PRIORITY ACTIVITIES, 2001–2002

- Increase the number of children gaining access to education;

- Conduct a national survey on orphans and vulnerable children;
- Increase child and family reunifications; and
- Increase care for AIDS orphans.

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